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## **SENATOR JOHNSON MOVES PRIORITY LEGISLATION THROUGH TEXAS SENATE**

**AUSTIN, TX** – Senator Nathan Johnson issues the following statement after the passage of several of his legislative priorities out of the Senate Chamber to the House.

*“I’m pleased with our progress in addressing such a wide variety of matters. We’re able to promote personal health, strengthen the grid, improve public systems, and protect personal data,” said Senator Nathan Johnson (D-Dallas). “We have five weeks left to move this legislation through the House and, importantly, to move some of my House companion bills through the Senate. I’m looking forward to the good work ahead.”*

Among the 21 bills Johnson passed out of the Senate so far:

### *Energy*

- **SB 2112 & SJR 82 Texas Power Promise.** Protects Texans against extended power outages by facilitating (1) the design, procurement, and deployment of backup power for essential community services — like water, fuel, law enforcement, assisted living centers, and more — and (2) next-generation level management of power outages.
- **SB 1212: Distributed Energy Resources.** Creates the necessary framework to bring to the ERCOT power market the burgeoning resources of small-scale generation – from site-specific microgrids to rooftop solar and home batteries – so that Texas can accelerate the development and reap the benefits of next-generation technologies without sacrificing grid stability or consumer safety.
- **SB 1699: Aggregated Distributed Energy Resources.** Provides for the establishment of rules for the aggregation of small-scale generation (i.e., Distributed Energy Resources) so that they can participate in the ERCOT power market at a greater scale.
- **SB 1929: Managing Large Electrical Loads.** Helps ensure grid reliability by authorizing ERCOT to establish registration and reporting requirements for businesses with large, fluctuating electrical loads (i.e., cryptomining, data centers, hydrogen production facilities, and other high-demand assets).

### *Public Health*

- **SB 294: Asthma Medicine in Schools.** Allows schools to administer quick-relief medications to children in respiratory distress so they can safely return to class.
- **SB 1003: Health Provider Directories.** Helps patients find in-network health care providers and avoid out-of-network charges.





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- **SB 485: Hospice and Palliative Care Awareness.** Designates the second Saturday in October as *Hospice and Palliative Care Awareness Day*, to coincide with *World Hospice and Palliative Care Day*, to raise awareness of these two distinct types of care and to honor the workers who support seriously ill patients and their families.
- **SB 681: Long-Term Care Licensing.** Protects residents of long-term care facilities by denying occupational licenses to people with prior serious criminal convictions.

### *Good Governance*

- **SB 895: Regulation of Money Services Businesses.** Facilitates regulatory consistency, efficiency, and fraud prevention in interstate money transactions by standardizing money services businesses' licensing and vetting process. Allows Texas to coordinate requirements with other states and process annual filings more quickly.
- **SB 1413: Firefighter Roadway Safety.** Grants firefighters the authority to remove vehicles and other personal property from roadways during an emergency and ensures that the first emergency personnel on the scene can work as quickly as possible to clear roadways and prevent needless deaths.
- **SB 1414: State Veterinary Board.** Provides a process to improve the Board's performance over the next four years and establishes a temporary, four-year relationship between the Veterinary Board and the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR), during which TDLR will provide the Board with policymaking and administrative oversight, guidance, and support.

### *Technology and Privacy*

- **SB 271: Defense Against Cyber Attacks.** Builds on the Texas Department of Information Resources (DIR) capacity to assist and coordinate with local governments to respond to an expansive range of cybersecurity incidents and threats.
- **SB 1495: Airport Data Privacy.** Ensures that the personally identifying information and trip data collected at airport parking facilities remain private.
- **SB 1044: Deep Fake Political Advertising.** Makes it a crime to attempt to influence the outcome of an election by creating and distributing intentionally deceptive images and videos.

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**About Senator Nathan Johnson:** Re-elected with bipartisan support in 2022, Senator Johnson proudly represents almost a million Dallas County residents in the growing and rapidly diversifying Senate District 16. Johnson currently serves as Vice-Chair of the Senate Committee on Jurisprudence; Senate Committee on Business & Commerce; Senate Committee on Water, Agriculture & Rural Affairs; and Senate Committee on Administration.

